

Within the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception it is customary, as our Reverend Local Directors are aware, that the semi-annual renewal of the Promoters' consecration takes place. On this occasion, new Promoters of six months' standing receive their crosses and diplomas. Nothing short of insurmountable difficulties should be allowed to stand in the way of this ceremony. It is one of the most powerful means of keeping the Promoters' zeal aglow, or of fanning it into flame when it is all but extinguished: which is tantamount to saying, that where this custom begins to fall into disuse, the very existence of the League is imperiled. The diplomas, on receipt of the names, are sent *gratis* to Directors. Expense and pains have not been spared to make our new diplomas worthy in appearance of the end they are to serve.

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Local Secretaries will endeavor to lighten the work of Directors in compiling the annual reports. They are to collect the printed forms sent last month, and no doubt filled in by this time by Promoters; then, they are to sum them up and send them to us. Every such report should bear in legible characters the name of the *town* and titular of the *parish* or *institution* they come from. The general summary of all will appear in the MESSENGER early in 1894. After directions so explicit, there will be no room for complaint if due credit be not given to each centre, or if it do not make the showing expected of it by its Associates.

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As many Secretaries have left unanswered the queries put them during the year, it would be a convenient opportunity to give us the information we asked for then, and to set down, not in an accompanying letter, *but on the*